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March 25th, 1916

Professor H. R. Fairclough,
Leland Stanford University.

Dear Professor Fairclough:

Professor Squair is retiring at the end of this session from the chair of French. That leaves a vacancy. Whether we shall fill it immediately I do not know, but in any case I wish to have the names of suitable men for the time when we shall make an appointment. It seems to me that our wisest procedure would be to appoint an Associate Professor, a man running somewhere about 30 years of age, or between 30 and 35.

The name of Professor A. L. Guerard has been mentioned to me. He is now in the Rice Institute in Texas, but before that was I think in Leland Stanford. Do you know anything about him as to his character, ability to get on with others, and his teaching ability? I have read parts of two of his books with a great deal of interest. Of course even if he were a suitable man we might not be able to get him. Any information you can give I shall greatly appreciate.

Yours sincerely,

President.

March 9th, 1916

Professor H. R. Fairclough,
Stanford University.

Dear Professor Fairclough:

Those illustrations in "Art and Archaeology" are very beautiful, and I am glad to have them; also, your Virgilian papers which, however, I have not yet had time to read as I have been much occupied of late in view of a visit I am about to make to the Eastern States.

I am glad also to know that the Californian Alumni Association has been revived. If there is anything that we can do for you to stimulate it please let me know? A visit to California would be delightful, but the journey is so long that I am afraid that unless I could find some other reason for going I could hardly venture to get authorisation for a trip to visit the Alumni at least for a while. You suggest that when I am in British Columbia I might combine the two visits. I will keep them in mind though I see no chance of going to British Columbia this year.

We still continue to send off undergraduates to active service. Our last move has been to secure authorisation from Ottawa to establish a University of Toronto Battery of Artillery and also an Overseas Officers Training Corps. These will be put into effect at the close of the term and we expect to have a large number

number of students enlist in these units. I wonder whether we can venture to hope with any degree of confidence that the war will be over before the beginning of another winter.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

April 24th, 1916

Professor H. R. Fairclough,
Leland Stanford University.

My dear Professor Fairclough:

Many thanks for your letter with regard to Professor Guerard. He may be beyond us, but I am glad to have your strong commendation of him and his work. I am not sure at present what we shall do with regard to French, but probably we shall make no permanent appointment at present.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

